



REMARKS

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 3-12 and 15-16.

The non-elected claims 2 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice. In addition, new claim 17 has been added directed to subject matter set forth in original claim 8 which should be grouped with the subject matter of Group I.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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